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SUBJECT: TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY: LETTER FROM PRESIDENT OF
CHILEAN NATIONAL COMMISSION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL
RESEARCH

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1. EMBASSY HAS BEEN HOLDING DISCUSSION WITH CHILEAN NATIONAL
COMMISSION ON SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL RESEARCH (CONICYT)
PRESIDENT, GENERAL (R) MANUEL PINOCHET SEPULVEDA, REGARDING
UNDERTAKINGS BY USG TO PROMOTE TECHNOLOGICAL TRANSFER. FOLLOWING
LETTER, RECEIVED AUGUST 12, HAS BEEN AGENDA FOR SUBSEQUENT
DISCUSSION WITH CONICYT:

2. BEGIN TEXT. "AS YOU ARE AWARE, DURING THE 6TH ORDINARY
MEETING OF THE OAS GENERAL ASSEMBLY, HELD IN SANTIAGO, CHILE
DURING JUNE, 1976, THE SECRETARY OF STATE OF THE UNITED STATES
OF AMERICA, DR. HENRY KISSINGER, ISSUED A STATEMENT ON
COOPERATION FOR DEVELOPMENT, WHICH IS CONTAINED IN THE BACKGROUND
DOCUMENTS.

"THE STATEMENT REFERRED TO IN THE PREVIOUS PARAGRAPH MENTIONS
CERTAIN OFFERS BY THE AMERICAN DELEGATION, INCLUDING THE
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"THE PRESIDENT (OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA) WILL INSTRUCT

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE OF THE UNITED STATES TO GIVE A FAVORABLE REPLY TO REQUESTS FOR ASSISTANCE BY DEVELOPING COUNTRIES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF EXPORT PROMOTION PROGRAMS. THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE WILL FURNISH TECHNICAL ADVICE ON PROMOTION TECHNIQUES AND TRAINING OF PERSONNEL, AND ASSIST IN THE DEVELOPMENT OF NEW WORLD MARKETS FOR LATIN AMERICAN EXPORTS.

"ALSO, DURING THE IV UNCTAD MEETING, THE AMERICAN SECRETARY OF STATE MADE CERTAIN OFFERS CONCERNING PROGRAMS AND ACTION DESIGNED TO FACILITATE THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY; AMONG THEM ARE:

"A) THREE NEW PROGRAMS IN THE SCIENTIFIC FIELD IN WHICH THE U.S. IS WILLING TO MAKE IMPORTANT CONTRIBUTIONS IN KNOWLEDGE AND EXPERIENCE, SUCH AS:

SATELLITE TECHNOLOGY; TECHNOLOGY ON HYDROGRAPHIC RESOURCES TO IMPROVE QUALITY AND PRODUCTIVITY OF AGRICULTURE AND TO DEVELOP NEW INDUSTRIES; AND MARINE TECHNOLOGY, ESPECIALLY RELATED TO BENTHONIC RESOURCES AND ADMINISTRATION OF FISHERIES. IN THE FIRST OF THESE FIELDS, THE U.S. IS WILLING TO MAKE AVAILABLE TO INTERESTED DEVELOPING COUNTRIES DEMONSTRATIONS OF THE VARIOUS USES OF THE EXPERIMENTAL SATELLITE ATS, AND ALSO OF THE REMOTE SENSING LANDSAT SATELLITE, ETC. THESE DEMONSTRATIONS WILL TAKE PLACE BETWEEN JULY AND OCTOBER 1976. IN THE FIELD OF HYDROGRAPHIC RESOURCES TECHNOLOGY, THE U. S. IS PREPARED TO INVITE SCIENTISTS, ADMINISTRATORS AND TECHNICIANS FROM VARIOUS COUNTRIES TO PARTICIPATE IN THEIR PROJECTS.

"B) IMPROVE THE RANGE AND QUALITY OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AVAILABLE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES AND IMPROVE THE SELECTION OF TECHNOLOGIES NECESSARY FOR THEIR DEVELOPMENT. IN THIS RESPECT IT IS POINTED OUT THAT THE U.S. WILL DRAW UP AN INVENTORY OF ITS RESOURCES OR SOURCES OF TECHNOLOGICAL INFORMATION AND PROVIDE CONSULTANTS AND OTHER SERVICES TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES THAT WILL FACILITATE ACCESS TO NATIONAL INFORMATION CENTERS, AMONG WHICH ARE INCLUDED THE NATIONAL MEDICINE LIBRARY, THE SCIENTIFIC INFORMATION DIVISION OF THE LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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NATIONAL SCIENCE FOUNDATION, THE NATIONAL AGRICULTURAL LIBRARY, AND THE INFORMATION SERVICE OF THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.

"C) STRENGTHEN THE CAPACITY OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES TO IDENTIFY, SELECT, AND NEGOTIATE THE TECHNOLOGY ADEQUATE TO ITS NEEDS THROUGH FREE ADVISORY SERVICES.

"D) MAKE PRIORITY EFFORTS TO QUALIFY HUMAN RESOURCES (TECHNOLOGISTS AND TECHNOLOGY ADMINISTRATORS) TO DEVELOP, IDENTIFY AND APPLY TECHNOLOGY APPROPRIATE FOR THE NEEDS OF DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

"E) THE U.S. WILL PROMOTE THE CREATION OF A 'TECHNOLOGY CORPS,' A PRIVATE NON-PROFIT ORGANIZATION, TO WHICH BUSINESS ENTERPRISES AND UNIVERSITIES MAY CONTRIBUTE, WITH HIGHLY QUALIFIED PERSONNEL IN THE ADMINISTRATION OF SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL ACTIVITIES.

"CONICYT, AS THE CHILEAN NATIONAL ORGANIZATION CHARGED WITH THE COORDINATION OF INTERNATIONAL TECHNOLOGICAL COOPERATION, AS WELL AS EVERYTHING RELATED TO SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNOLOGICAL POLICIES OF THE GOVERNMENT OF CHILE, WOULD LIKE TO KNOW HOW THE GOVERNMENT OF THE UNITED STATES WILL IMPLEMENT THE IDEAS SET FORTH BY THE SECRETARY OF STATE IN THE OAS ASSEMBLY AND IN THE IV MEETING OF UNCTAD. IN PARTICULAR, WE WOULD APPRECIATE KNOWING WHICH INITIATIVES WILL BE CARRIED OUT ON A BILATERAL BASIS AND WHICH ON A MULTILATERAL BASIS, AND WHEN THEY WILL BE IMPLEMENTED."

3. COMMENT: THE GOC IS CALLING OUR HAND IN VERY SPECIFIC TERMS REGARDING THE TRANSFER OF TECHNOLOGY. WE WOULD APPRECIATE THE DEPARTMENT'S GUIDANCE IN ANSWERING THE DETAILED QUESTIONS POSED BY GENERAL PINOCHET.
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